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Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made to the General Assembly by the Fifth Committee under agenda item 157 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/63/789.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 53rd and 55th meetings, on 5 and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.53 and 55).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009 (A/63/867) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/874).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.66

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" (A/C.5/63/L.66), submitted by the representative of Sweden and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.66 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support of the African Union Mission in Somalia[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, by which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to its further decision by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the African Union Mission in Somalia to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the African Union Mission in Somalia, including equipment and services,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1872 (2009) of 26 May 2009, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide a logistical support package for the African Union Mission in Somalia until 31 January 2010,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275 of 7 April 2009 on the financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009),

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the logistical support package;

2. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that the use of the Entebbe logistics hub in Uganda has been cost-effective and has resulted in savings for the United Nations, and welcomes the expansion of the logistics hub to provide logistical support to peacekeeping operations in the region and to contribute further to their enhanced efficiency and responsiveness, taking into account the ongoing efforts in this regard;

[1] A/63/867.
[2] A/63/874.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on relevant legislative mandates;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

Estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 138,802,500 United States dollars;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a full 2009/10 budget in a timely manner, with a view to taking a decision thereon no later than 31 October 2009;

Financing of the commitment authority

9. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 138,802,500 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

10. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,347,800 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

11. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia the amount of 6,102,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, comprising 5,078,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,023,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,102,400 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set

out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and the scale of assessments for 2010;[3]

13. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 629,700 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 528,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 101,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".

[3] To be adopted by the General Assembly.